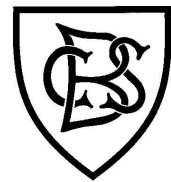


11<sup>th</sup> February 2010

# Newsletter



We've been discussing the timing of aspects of the school day for some time and have decided to make a few changes. Infants can still come into class from 8.40am and the Juniors will be supervised in the playground until the start of school at 8.50am.

| <u>Infant</u>               | <u>Junior</u>     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 8.50 start of day           | 8.50 start of day |
| 9.00 Wake up, Shake up etc. | 9.05 Assembly     |
| 9.10 Lesson 1               | 9.25 Lesson 1     |
| 10.10 Assembly              | 10.45 Break       |
| 10.30 Break                 | 11.00 Lesson 2    |
| 10.45 Lesson 2              | 12.05 Lunch       |
| 11.50 Lunch                 |                   |

**Hats for Haiti  
Day tomorrow.**  
Prizes for the wackiest  
hat in each class  
Donations of £1 or  
more to enter

We may have a few teething problems with the change, especially when it comes to fitting all of the Juniors and the parents into the hall for class assemblies, please bear with us as we try things out.

**Bingo/Quiz evening** – What a fantastic evening everyone had last Thursday at the Bingo and Quiz evening. It was great fun – the fish and chips were good too! Thank you to the large number of staff who helped in the preparation and on the night. It was excellent team work as usual.

The quiz was a close fought contest, with a really hard final round on capital cities proving to be the decider. Here is the winning team – well done everyone.

**E-Safety week** – this week is e-safety week and the teachers have been highlighting many of the issues with the older children. The surveys that Mrs Moss carried out at the end of last year showed some worrying trends and it is our intention to arrange an e-safety evening if parents would be interested. The results of that survey will be sent out to Junior parents/carers shortly through Parentmail. Please take the time to read through them and to reply using the slip at the bottom or via email.

**Planning Consultation for the Bowdon Club/Car Park Development** – Please make the time to come and view the plans in the hall today between 3 and 8pm. There will be a comment form for you to complete and the more support that we can raise, the more likely we are to achieve our aim of a car park with a path down to school.

## **Bowdon Church School – Cross Country Champions!**

This year's cross country team are now officially the most successful ever from this school. Whilst we have had many talented runners over the years, the number of committed, keen and skilful runners has secured two coveted trophies.

Both the girls and the boys trophies came back from the Altrincham and District League last week. Congratulations to everyone who has represented the school this year; you have all played your part in this victory and we are already seeing the potential in some of the younger runners. Adam Kinghorn has led the super boys' team to victory by being placed first out of all the boys in the League. Once again you have all made us very proud.

**Parents' Forum** – The first meeting of this new group took place on Tuesday evening and some really valuable contributions to the school vision and strategic planning were made. Those present were able to view the School Development Plan and see the priorities for three years. This is a working document, which can be influenced by the views of stakeholders and it was interesting to realise how close parents' hopes and expectations are

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to those of staff and Governors. There was also an opportunity for the group to clarify the details of some school initiatives. The subject of the next meeting will be 'The Creative Learning Journey,' where we will be looking at some of the changes to the planning and organisation of the curriculum, arising from the Rose Report.

**Bikeability and the Choir Performance** – Bikeability training for Y6 pupils has now been rearranged from 'Snow Week' and will take place during the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April. This has therefore necessitated a move of the Choir Performances to the week after. These will now take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**Parentmail** – We are still having some problems with linking members of the same family. Please bear with us while we sort it out.

**Shred Easy Competition** – The recycling company is running a competition in school to name their ten new trucks. Winners will receive book tokens and will have their photograph taken for the newspaper. You will be receiving more information soon.

**Half-term holiday courses** – There are leaflets promoting a few courses available in the entrance hall if anyone is looking for an activity.